

# Border Eagle

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**Air Power**  
Quote of the Week

"Command of the air is of first priority to any military success in war."

—Dale O. Smith

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Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Airman 1st Class Louis Butterfield (left), 47th Communications Squadron radar maintenance systems apprentice, and Tech. Sgt. Brian Lewallen, 47th Operations Support Squadron flight records superintendent, volunteer their time to organize donations Saturday at the Bethel Center.

## Base people give to charity

By Senior Airman  
**Brad Pettit**  
Editor

Laughlin people recently joined forces to give not money, but time, to charity.

A group of eight people, organized by Staff Sgt. William Bartram, 47th Operations Support Squadron flight records noncommissioned officer in charge, helped organize donations and discard unserviceable items Saturday

at the Del Rio Bethel Center. The Bethel Center is maintained by eleven local church congregations and the help of volunteers who work to help needy people.

"The function of the [Bethel] Center is to help people who are in need of food, clothing, medicine, transportation, lodging and utility assistance," he said. "The emphasis of bringing together resources from

public and private sectors is to make a real effort to strengthen the spiritual and physical lives of the people with the dignity of God and the respect of other people."

Airman 1st Class Louis Butterfield, 47th Communications Squadron radar maintenance systems apprentice, said he hopes the time he donates will have a beneficial effect.

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## Assistance campaign begins

By Capt. Matthew Fetzer

*Air Force Assistance Fund project officer*

The 47th Flying Training Wing begins its five-week Air Force Assistance Fund campaign Monday.

The AFAF campaign is an annual, on-the-job fundraising appeal conducted by Air Force people for the benefit of Air Force people and their families.

The AFAF campaign raises money for four charities benefiting active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired Air Force people and their families, including surviving spouses and their families.

The four charities are:

- Air Force Village Indigent Widows' Fund, [www.airforcevillages.com](http://www.airforcevillages.com)
- Air Force Aid Society, [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org)
- Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Indigent Widows' Fund (also known as the Enlisted Widow's Home), [www.afenlistedwidows.org](http://www.afenlistedwidows.org)
- General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, [www.afvw.com/lemay](http://www.afvw.com/lemay)

"The AFAF campaign directly helps Air Force people," said Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander. "By contributing to AFAF, you may be giving to a program that will help you some day in the future."

The AFAF target audience is active-duty military people; however, unsolicited donations from nonmilitary sources will be accepted.

The campaign continues through March 29. Organizations are reminded that other fundraising efforts are not permitted on base during the AFAF campaign.

Donations to the AFAF may be made through cash, check or payroll deduction. Contributors may designate their contributions to one or more of the four charities. Chosen charities receive 100 percent of

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# Commanders' Corner

By Lt. Col. Elizabeth Clark  
47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron Commander

## Doing right thing not always easy

I like to imagine there is a whole subset of people whom bad things never happen to or who never have to make difficult decisions.

My grandmother, who raised me, used to say I always took the road less traveled in my life decisions and it seemed the road was always uphill both ways to my chosen destination. I have either been blessed or cursed, depending on how you perceive it, with an internal core of where I need to go and what I need to do.

Some people derive their direction from normative standards in the population, from a particular religion or from personal experience. I guess people would call me driven.

My own mother found me fright-

eningly intimidating as a child because I always seemed to know what I wanted to do and had a profound sense of right and wrong. As I aged, I began to perceive the shades of gray in life and in decisions. Conflict resides in those shades of gray.

***"We are expected to take the road less traveled to make the right decision, not the easy decision – even when it means you travel the road uphill both ways in the snow."***

Most people possess a conscience that tells them what right and wrong are; sociopath and psychologic deviants do not.

In my experience, doing the right thing is almost never the easy or comfortable thing to do. It does not make it any less the right action.

I am faced with decisions daily, some of which reside in the shadows of the shades of gray. Making the right decision may mean I lose a friendship I treasure because I must

make a medical decision that adversely affects someone's career while preserving their safety and the safety of flight.

These decisions are sometimes agonizing. As a commander I must sometimes move people from their comfort zone, either through suggestion or direct order, in order for them to grow and reach a potential they cannot see. As a military officer I may have to order someone into war to provide lifesaving care knowing there is a chance they will not return. All these decisions are not easy but have to be made.

I guess, in essence, I am saying we – as leaders, commanders, doctors, noncommissioned officers, airmen, pilots, nurses – are held to a higher standard in the military. We are expected to take the road less traveled to make the right decision, not the easy decision – even when it means you travel the road uphill both ways in the snow.

## Top Three Talk

By Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Raymond  
47th Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection superintendent



## Setting goals very important for career

I was recalled to active duty on Nov. 15 for up to one year and brought to Laughlin to be the fire protection superintendent. In my civilian capacity I am an insurance adjuster for United Services Automobile Association, whose home office is in San Antonio, however I work out of my home in Forest Lake, Minn., just north of the Twin Cities. I was raised in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin, and I am the son of dairy farmers.

I enlisted in the Air Force in June of 1967, served four years on active

duty and then two on inactive ready reserve status.

After a break in my career, I enlisted in the Air National Guard for one year, but due to conflicts and personal circumstances, I was not able to uphold my commitment, so once that enlistment was completed, I was discharged. Then, in 1983 I decided to return to service as a member of the Air Force Reserves. I continue serving in that status today. I will complete my 26th year of service at Laughlin this year.

I began my career as a security

police dog handler and, after one year, cross-trained into the fire protection career field. When enlisting in the Air Force Reserves, I was unable to find a slot in my chosen career field so I accepted one in the Mobile Aerial Port Squadron at the Air Reserve Station at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. While in that career field I worked on the cargo, ramp and air terminal operations center sections. Once a slot opened, I transferred back to the fire protection career

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***"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."***

– 47th FTW motto

### FPCON Bravo

Laughlin is currently in Force Protection Condition Bravo. All people should remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to security forces at 298-5100.

# Rising 6

By Tech. Sgt. Tom Hensley  
47th Operation Support Squadron  
Terminal instruments procedures NCOIC

## Air Force teaches responsibility

Change takes place every day and affects everyone. Some change is good, some bad, but no matter what, we must all deal with change. I joined the Air Force in January 1988 and have seen many changes both in my job and in the way the Air Force does business.

I am not writing to tell you that the Air Force changes because we all know that; I am writing to tell you the most significant way the Air Force changed my life.

This January I went over 14 years in the Air Force and spent some time reflecting over how I had changed and why.

The biggest and most important change I've noticed is I have become responsible somewhere in the last 14 years.

The Air Force has made me not only responsible for my actions, but also responsible for those who work for me. That is a huge change considering I had wandered in and out of several colleges before I joined the Air Force. I am now not only

responsible, but I enjoy and crave responsibility.

Responsibility is the first and probably the biggest change anyone goes through when they join the Air Force. Airmen learn responsibility in basic training. They learn they are not only responsible for their actions, but also the actions of those around them.

Responsibility is what keeps the Air Force working every day. We all have to be responsible members of the Air Force, not only to those above us, but also to those below us.

However, most importantly, we must be re-

sponsible to ourselves. Responsibility drives the Air Force core values... responsibility to yourself and to those around you... responsibility not only for your actions, but also, for those below you in your chain of command.

The Air Force has changed me in many ways. But, by far, the most important way is by teaching me the value of responsibility.

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field where I remain today and will until retirement.

I became a career "firedawg" simply because I love the job and the people who work in the career field, especially those in Air Force fire protection. I am really enjoying being part of the team here at Laughlin, or whichever base I am assigned to – and with base closures and realignment of personnel there have been several. The pay and benefits are always an issue, but I stay because the job is fulfilling and so much fun.

I have gone on temporary-duty-assignment to several countries and served during Vietnam,

Desert Shield/Desert Storm and now Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle. I can't think of a better way to serve my country.

My goal is to become a chief master sergeant and, as a result, a fire chief. I continue to train, attend classes and work in the career field to hone my skills and become the best I can be. As in all career fields, education is a never-ending process, and as times and technology change, so must our technical skills and management styles.

My advice to first and second term airmen is to identify the career field you most want to spend your career in, take whatever training is necessary to become qualified in that career

field and set goals to advance. Once you set the goals, keep them squarely in your sights. Don't let anything or anyone discourage you. The Air Force provides excellent training and advancement opportunities. In my experience, a person's progression is directly related to the amount of time and effort expended in preparing to take on the tasks at the next level. I have not met a person who was held back by the actions of another. If you conduct yourself in accordance with applicable rules and regulations, continue to train and prepare for the goal you seek to attain and perform every working day at the highest level you can, you will be a success.

## Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate. If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle.



*Rick Rosborg*  
**Col. Rick Rosborg**  
47th FTW Commander

## Bowling alley kudos

I wanted to pass on some kudos for the people at the bowling alley, especially Mike, the manager. I called recently and asked if the bowling alley had delivery service for people too busy to leave work for lunch, and he said no. Then he said, "Listen, if you're that busy, just give us a call, and I'll bring lunch over in my POV." I thought that was an excellent attitude. Several times he said, "You're the reason we're here, and we'll do whatever we can to make it better." Whatever it seemed he could do to help me out, that's what he wanted to do. He just couldn't do enough for me and was a great guy.

I just want to send some kudos his way for a job well done.

Master Sgt. James Martin  
47th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Readiness flight chief

## Airmanship

*Intended to help all airmen articulate the Air Force's vision of aerospace power*

### What is command?

Command is the legal authority and responsibility military leaders and the National Command Authorities have to organize and employ military forces.

**Poor health, lost income, jail, discharge...Ecstasy?**  
**Maybe they should change the name.**

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"Hopefully by volunteering like this, I can help improve relations between Laughlin and the people of Del Rio," he said. "It reflects well upon the Air Force if we take an active role in helping out Del Rio."

Airman 1st Class Timothy Collier, 47th Communications Squadron radar maintenance apprentice, said he volunteers because of the way it makes him feel and because he wants to set a good example.

"Volunteering gives me a feeling of satisfaction, and I meet new people," he said. "And maybe if the citizens of Del Rio notice Air Force members helping out in their community, they might be encouraged to volunteer their time as well."

Airman 1st Class

Bethany Baiocco, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron Public Health apprentice and Bethel Center volunteer, said she is glad she can help touch up the facility for the community.

Olivia DeLeon, Bethel Center director, said she is very grateful for Laughlin people's volunteer work.

"What they did made a big difference," she said. "I always need good, dependable volunteers to sort, size and organize our donation racks and shelves."

Bartram is organizing another team Saturday to help paint the exterior of the Bethel Center. If you would like to volunteer your time to paint, call Bartram at 298-5300.

For more information on the Bethel Center or to volunteer to help in the future, call DeLeon at 775-1610.

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AFAF contributions. Contributions to the AFAF are tax

deductible.

For more information on AFAF, call Capt. Matthew Fetzner at 298-4784 or log on

to <http://www.afas.org>.

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## Heritage banquet set

All base people are encouraged to attend a Black Heritage Month banquet at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Fiesta Community Center. Dress is business attire and evening dress.

Country-fried chicken or slow-roast sliced beef will be served. The cost for the dinner is \$12.95 for E-4 and below and \$15 for all others.

The guest speaker for the event will be Tymme Mitchell, and entertainment will be provided by Randy Garibay, a San Antonio native.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Michael Vaughan at 298-5750 or Joni Jordan at 298-5914.

## Park University registers

Park University will register for the Spring 2 term Monday through March 15 at the education office.

For more information, call Vikki Cunningham or Damon Williams at 298-3061 or 5593.

## Town hall meeting set

Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, will host a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the base theater.

The commander will discuss general base issues. Free child care will be available.

For more information, call 298-5988.

# Newsline

## Legion meeting scheduled

The Del Rio/Laughlin American Legion Post 298 will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at "The Barn," across the highway from Laughlin's main gate.

The new 2002 membership cards are in, and members are encouraged to bring their dues. All active-duty military are eligible to join.

For more information, call Murry Kachel at 298-2097.

## Marriage celebration set

A chapel-sponsored dinner celebrating and honoring the unity of marriage will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 2 at Club XL.

Complimentary portraits will be taken, and there will be live entertainment, games and door prizes. Tickets are available at the chapel or by calling 298-7691 after 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 per person.

The Child Development Center will be open during this time. Reservations are required.

The buffet menu includes oven-baked chicken cordon bleu; six pepper-grilled chicken breasts; carved baron of beef; salad; and wedding cake.

For details, call 298-5111.

## Commissary hours change

The base commissary's hours have changed. The new hours are 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. Sunday; closed on Monday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Friday; and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Early bird shopping will be from 8 to 9 a.m. Tuesday and Friday. Night owl shopping will be Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call 298-5815.

## Airmen's group forming

Airmen and junior noncommissioned officers looking to make a difference are forming an Airmen Against Drunk Driving group at Laughlin.

For more information or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Daniel Thiel at 298-4872.

## Pay statement changes

Single enlisted members will notice a change to their leave and earnings statements, which will now reflect the monthly value of meal cards (\$241.60) as a gross entitlement for Basic Allowance for Subsistence. The BAS amount will be offset with a mandatory deduction of \$6.75 per day, whether the meal card is used or not.

For more information, call finance 298-5139 or 5215.

## Base watering policy outlined

### Compiled from staff reports

Laughlin's watering policy limits the time base people are permitted to water their lawns.

The watering policy allows watering from 4 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 11 p.m. in the military family housing areas. Watering outside of these hours is prohibited.

Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, said restricting the times in which watering is acceptable is done for a reason.

"Laughlin has a duty to conserve water and, at the same time, present a welcoming environment to work, live and play," he said. "Watering our lawns is highly encouraged, but it must be regulated for maximum effectiveness."

According to Lt. Col. Michael Blaylock, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander, the best time to water a lawn during the winter or summer seasons is early morning, just before and after sunrise.

"Residents should monitor their watering practices to ensure water is not applied to driveways, carports, sidewalks or streets," he said. "Under no circumstances should water be applied to the extent that it runs off the grass and into the street. Trying to add additional water will not improve the absorption into the soil and will encourage fungal growth, which can damage the grass."

Blaylock said base people are encouraged to focus on both lawn maintenance and conservation.

"Everyone is encouraged to be good stewards of the environment by maintaining healthy lawns and through judicious use of our most valuable natural resource, water," he said.

For more information on the base watering policy, call the 47th Civil Engineer Squadron maintenance engineering section at 298-5853.

## Interested in the Air Force?

*Call Del Rio's Air Force recruiter at 774-0911.*



## Laughlin Salutes

### Promotions

Lt. Col. Scott Wiebe, 47th Operations Group Deputy Commander, was selected for promotion to colonel.

### Child Development Associates

*Child development center*  
– Lonia Haynes  
Michele Lethco

### Awards

*Outstanding Security Forces Airman of the Year*  
Senior Airman Erin Jacobi,

47th Security Forces Squadron  
*47th Support Group*  
*Dorm of the Quarter*  
Senior Airman Erin Jacobi,  
47th Security Forces Squadron

### Air Amistad Top Performers

– 1st Lt. Taunya Henriksen,  
87th Flying Training Squadron  
– 2nd Lt. Michael McCullar,  
47th Civil Engineer Squadron  
– Members of Specialized  
Undergraduate Pilot Training  
Class 03-05



## Military budget issues detailed

The fiscal 2003 Department of Defense Military Construction and Family Housing Program totals \$9 billion and reflects the administration's emphasis on improving the quality of life for military people by providing better working and living conditions. The request includes 300 construction projects at 185 locations.

This fiscal 2003 request provides \$3.6 billion for military construction, including environmental compliance; \$0.6 billion for base closure activities; \$0.2 billion for the NATO Security Investment Program and \$0.4 billion for planning and design for future projects and unspecified minor construction.

The request also provides \$2.9 billion for operating and maintaining almost 300,000 family housing units and \$1.3 billion for constructing, improving and privatizing family housing units.

The funding request is designed to advance the department's goals of reducing the current recapitalization rate of its facilities to 67 years by fiscal 2007 and also eliminating our inadequate housing by 2007 – three years sooner than planned.

A list of specific construction projects is located on the Web at [www.defenselink.mil/news/Feb2002/d20020204mc.pdf](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Feb2002/d20020204mc.pdf).

(Courtesy of Defenselink)

## Threat of weapons of mass destruction real

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz Sunday noted that weapons of mass destruction possessed by the “axis of evil” – Iraq, Iran and North Korea – pose a real threat to the world.

Wolfowitz spoke on Washington's “Fox News Sunday” television program. He addressed recent news reports that some European leaders have accused the United States of unnecessarily trying to expand the war against terrorism to include those nations President Bush designated in his State of the Union speech as an “axis of evil.”

“I think what leads to a very, very dangerous place is the mixture of weapons of mass destruction in the hands of terrorists, who, as they demonstrated on Sept. 11, don't even care about their own lives, much less the lives of other people,” Wolfowitz said.

“We now, after Sept. 11, have a graphic, clear understanding what commercial airliners can do,” he added. “We can't wait until we have a graphic, clear understanding of what biological weapons or nuclear weapons can do before we do something about breaking that connection.”

Wolfowitz noted several ways to confront the WMD threat posed by Iraq, Iran, and North Korea, to include economic, diplomatic, and military means.

“There are a lot of things we can do, but what we can't do is continue living with that problem,” he emphasized.

Bush is currently on a week-long Asia trip that also includes stops in Tokyo, South Korea and China. He plans to address U.S. troops assigned on the Demilitarized Zone, which has separated the two Koreas since the Korean War armistice of 1953. U.S. defense officials suspect North Korea of harboring weapons of mass destruction that could fall into the hands of terrorists and of selling ballistic missiles abroad.

In regard to Iraq's alleged recent change of heart to allow U.N. weapons inspectors back into the country, Wolfowitz simply said: “Show me.”

The deputy defense secretary noted that in 1991 after the Gulf War, Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein was instructed to jettison all his weapons of mass destruction.

“He was given six months to prove to the world that he had gotten rid of them,” Wolfowitz said. “Over the last 10-plus years, all he has done is proven to the world that he continues to hold on to them, he continues to develop them.

“That has got to stop,” he emphasized.

Turning to Afghanistan, the secretary noted that U.S. and coalition forces

continue to comb Afghan villages and caves in search of intelligence on the Al Qaeda terror network.

“It is hard work, and we're still at it,” he said. But Afghanistan is a big country, Wolfowitz said, and the anti-terrorist campaign there is being conducted without a huge American occupation force.

Having a large U.S. force in Afghanistan “would cause us bigger problems in the long run,” he noted.

Asked about the alleged discovery of another Osama bin Laden videotape in Afghanistan, Wolfowitz said he “honestly didn't know” if the report was true.

Regarding detainees, he noted that, where there are dangerous people, “We don't want them just turned loose on the streets. Either we detain them ourselves or we turn them over to a court, ... or we turn them over to another country.”

Wolfowitz said the war against global terrorism is not over. “It's a long struggle,” he said. “I think people better get used to the fact that it's going to go on for a long time.

“We've had some wonderful, early victories in Afghanistan. I think that has almost made some people's expectations too high, and [they] think it's all over.”

(Courtesy of Defenselink)

# Air Force remains focused on transformation

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker

*Air Force Print News*

The Air Force is continuing to focus on transformation to meet the demands and threats of the 21st century, the service's top civilian told Congress during the proposed fiscal 2003 budget hearing Feb. 12.

"We have been afforded numerous opportunities to implement and validate significant changes in the concepts of military operations and in the conduct of war," said Dr. James G. Roche, Air Force secretary, in his opening statement before the Senate Armed Services Committee. "For the first time in the history of warfare, the entire ground operation in land-locked Afghanistan – infiltration, exfiltration, sustainment of supplies and support equipment – has been accomplished solely by air.

"Operation Enduring Freedom has demanded over 14,000 sorties, some of which have broken records in mission range, hours flown and combat reconnaissance," he said.

Roche also said tanker support to joint operations, which number more than 6,000 sorties, mobility demands and humanitarian tonnage delivered have all been unprecedented.

"We have encouraged and exploited the rapid advancement and employment of innovative technologies

and have taken significant action to implement the findings of the Space Commission in our new role as the executive agent for space," Roche said.

"We have set a goal as we look at the future to try to return to the era of General Henry "Hap" Arnold and the Army Air Corp supporting Gen. George S. Patton during the breakout at Normandy. We are striving to provide near-instantaneous ground attack from the air by working closely with troops on the ground equipped with powerful sensors and communications links."

Thomas E. White, Army secretary, also spoke during the hearing.

"There were many cases when special operations forces on horseback, tied in with these space-age technologies to air assets, were able to immediately bring precision munitions to bear in support of Northern Alliance forces, swinging the outcome of the battle in favor of our allies," he said. "It made all the difference in the world [during operations] in Afghanistan."

However, the Air Force will not stray from its transformation journey, Roche said.

Included in the Fiscal 2003 Air Force Posture Statement provided to the committee are the service's plans to develop the capabilities it needs for

the future to answer a broad range of challenges posed by potential adversaries. It also addresses some of the most pressing challenges facing the Air Force, reaffirming the service's focus on people, readiness and transformation.

"Our future success hinges on our ability to recruit and retain highly qualified airmen, and to provide these dedicated warriors with the resources required to accomplish their mission," Roche said. "We must also take care of our families with adequate housing programs, medical facilities and base support services.

"While the world's security environment changed dramatically, one thing that remains constant is America's need for global vigilance, reach and power," he said. "That is your Air Force vision and what we strive to deliver. Fully exploiting our advantages is not an option – the risk of failing to do so is too great.

"We must remain the dominant air force in the business of global reconnaissance and strike and through recapitalization efforts, we hope to maintain the fundamental basis from which to [continue] our transformation journey," Roche said.

Realizing this to be a costly and daunting task, Roche said that the integration of systems, mastering real-



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Dr. James Roche, Air Force secretary, testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee at the fiscal 2003 Department of Defense authorization hearings in Washington Feb. 12.

time targeting, and finding new ways to operate are more than objectives, they determine the Air Force's ability to project power on and above the battlefields of tomorrow.

"The future holds sober challenges for America's military forces, but with America's continued support, the [Air Force] is poised for unprecedented success," Roche said in written testimony. "In whatever scenarios lie ahead, the [nation] will be able to look to the Air Force to ensure our dominance of air and space."

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## Student pilots earn awards

### Compiled from staff reports

Selected pilots of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-05 recently received awards for their flying and academic accomplishments while in pilot training here.

#### **Order of Daedalians AETC Commander's Trophy**

2nd Lt. Todd Ruth (*Tanker/Airlift*)

2nd Lt. Charles A. Hebert (*Fighter/Bomber*)

#### **Outstanding Officer**

2nd Lt. Charles Hebert (*Fighter/Bomber*)

#### **Distinguished Graduates**

2nd Lt. Todd Ruth (*Tanker/Airlift*)

2nd Lt. Charles Hebert (*Fighter/Bomber*)

#### **Flying Training Award**

2nd Lt. Todd Ruth (*Tanker/Airlift*)

2nd Lt. Charles Hebert (*Fighter/Bomber*)

#### **Academic Training Award**

2nd Lt. Rufus Forrest (*Fighter/Bomber*)

2nd Lt. David Wright (*Fighter/Bomber*)

#### **Daedalian Award**

2nd Lt. Eric Proctor (*Tanker/Airlift*)

#### **Citizenship Award**

2nd Lt. Daniel Hingley (*Fighter/Bomber*)

#### **Outstanding Second Lieutenant Award**

2nd Lt. Charles Hebert (*Fighter/Bomber*)

## New Air Force TV News edition airs

The 2003 defense budget and President George W. Bush's visit to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., spotlight the latest edition of Air Force Television News.

Staff Sgt. Michael Noel reports on the president's visit and his speech; and Staff Sgt. Pachari Lutke explains how the Air Force would spend the \$107 billion being requested. While Noel and Lutke report on the Air Force's slice of the national defense pie, Staff Sgt. Leigh Bellinger travels to Salt Lake City to show one of the major reasons for the budget increase – the Air Force's contribution to Winter Olympics security, both on the ground and in the air.

Master Sgt. Chris Beckwith reports on an increase in the Air Force's 2002 recruiting quota because of the war on terrorism, with more than 800 recruits added to the total, all destined for the security forces career field. Staff Sgt. Joe Wallace is at Scott AFB, Ill., as medical personnel train for emergency patient evacuation.

Staff Sgt. Eric Kerr reports on a rou-

tine blood drive that became a community effort when people from Sheppard Air Force Base staged the largest blood drive in the state. Tech. Sgt. Paul Firman reports on three enterprising teenagers in rural Pennsylvania who are keeping the history and heritage of military aviation alive with a one-of-a-kind publication. And, Noel traces the history of Bellows Air Station in Hawaii from its days as an Army Air Corps training base to its modern-day role as a resort.

Air Force Television News is a bi-weekly production of Air Force News Service. It is distributed on videotape to more than 3,000 military and civilian outlets worldwide, and is seen on more than 700 cable television outlets nationwide. It is also available on the Internet at [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil), as well as being programmed on The Pentagon Channel. The program is the only military production offered with closed captioning. Viewers can comment on the program by sending e-mail to: [aftvnews@afnews.af.mil](mailto:aftvnews@afnews.af.mil).

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# Playgrounds now ready for children

By Airman Timothy J. Stein

Staff writer

Eleven Laughlin playgrounds, closed since September, received new playground equipment and were re-opened for children Feb. 11.

The renovation, scheduled to be finished in December, took a little longer because of delays in shipping the equipment after Sept. 11, said Richard Fry, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron engineering flight chief.

"Some of the factories [that make the equipment] had shipping and delivery problems [after Sept. 11]," said Fry.

The new plastic equipment is replacing the older wood equipment.

"It is a safety issue," said Fry. "The older equipment [wasn't] as safe as the

new equipment."

Splinters, which posed a danger to children playing on wood equipment, were one of the main concerns that resulted in getting the new equipment, said Fry.

While the playgrounds are now open, work on them is not yet finished, said Fry. Over the next few months, the 47th CES will be relocating some of the playground components to make the color schemes more consistent with the Air Education and Training Command standard for playgrounds.

The sod placed around the playground areas will be watered and maintained also, said Fry.

For additional information, call the 47th CES at 298-5630.



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Alaina Lewis, 21 months, daughter of Theresa and Staff Sgt. Adam Lewis, 47th Flying Training Wing command post senior controller, tries out the new playground equipment Thursday.



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

## Blue's Clues

Jack Brannan, 2, son of Barb and Maj. Steve Brannan, 86th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, chats with Blue, the dog from the Blue's Clues television show, Wednesday at the Fiesta Center. Blue was there as part of the center's monthly family night.

# Retreat customs important

## Compiled from staff reports

Retreat is played on base Monday through Friday except on holidays and days during the week when there is night flying.

Retreat ceremonies are conducted on base at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. When retreat sounds, certain courtesies should be rendered. People who are outside should stop what

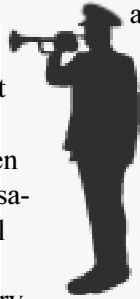
they are doing and face the flag or the direction of the music.

Military people in uniform should stand at parade rest during the sounding of retreat, then come to attention and salute during the National Anthem.

Civilian and military people who are not in uniform should stand at attention during the playing of the National Anthem and

place their right hand over their hearts. Men in civilian attire should remove head-dress with the right hand and hold it over their heart.

People driving must stop their vehicle, and everyone in the vehicle, regardless of rank, should sit at attention and remain silent until the music ends. Getting out of the vehicle and saluting is also an option.



## Youth gets F-16 experience

**By Airman Kara Philp**

*AETC News Service*

The 63rd Fighter Squadron welcomed a local youth under the pilot-for-a-day program Jan. 31.

Kori Wiseman, 9, experienced a day in the life of an F-16 fighter pilot during a trip with her family to Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

Kori was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at age 3 and was submitted for the pilot-for-a-day program in October by a child life specialist at Children's Hospital in Phoenix. The program was started in 1996 and allows seriously ill children a chance to experience a day as an F-16 pilot.

Kori, her brother, Josh, 13, and her parents, Jim and Tracy, from Glendale arrived at Luke about 9 a.m. and went to the 63rd FS. She met the squadron commander and a dedicated crew chief. Soon after, her brother and she received flight suits complete with patches and a scarf.

"When she showed up, she was shy for about five minutes," said Capt. Greg Kreuder, a 56th Training Squadron instructor pilot. "After we arrived at the squadron she started warming up. She's a very sociable girl."

Once they were dressed like the rest of the 63rd FS pilots, Col. Dennis Rea, 56th Fighter Wing vice commander, welcomed Kori and her family. After the welcome, Kori and her family toured the squadron and observed the pilots' workplaces and duties.

The next part of the day included a tour of the air traffic control tower to observe their operations.

She then attended a top-three briefing prior to trying on flight gear at life support. Just before noon, Kori headed for the flight line to view a static F-16. As she walked toward the aircraft, she was saluted by Airman 1st Class Joe Remblance, a 63rd FS dedicated crew chief.

After the flight line experience, Kori attended a luncheon at the officers' club with 63rd FS leadership and Airman Remblance, whom she invited herself.

After lunch, Kori and Josh flew in an F-16 simulator.

"I liked shooting things (in the simulators) and learning the gears," Kori said.

Viewing end-of-runway operations to watch F-16s in action was the last stop of the tour.

"[Kori] was in awe the whole way home. She couldn't even get to sleep that night," said Kori's mother. "It was really nice of the squadron to include Josh in the day's activities. We really appreciated it."

# Translating transformation into capabilities

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

"To my mind, the 'T' in 'Transformation' stands for time," Maj. Gen. Daniel "Fig" Leaf said during an interview.

Gen. Leaf, Air Force operational requirements director, said the U.S. military already can decide and act quicker than anyone else, but it must continue to maintain this edge to fight the war on terrorism.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has said the U.S. military must capitalize on its asymmetrical advantages as it transforms to meet the threats of the 21st century. The abilities to assess intelligence and to pass it to the commander who needs it and can act on it are among the American military's greatest asymmetrical advantages.

Rumsfeld has said maintaining this edge may mean building new, more capable equipment or combining existing systems in new ways. But what is most important in transformation, he said, is a culture of innovation, a willingness on the part of commanders and subordinates to take risks and try new methods and ideas.

Afghanistan is a proving ground of some of these concepts. Rumsfeld has continually pointed to

Army Special Forces and Air Force combat controllers calling in pinpoint air strikes while participating in a horse cavalry charge as an example of the type of flexible thinking required to transform the military.

Leaf said the world has not seen such an offensive air-ground capability since the Allied attacks through northern France in 1944. During the breakout from the Normandy beachhead in July and the dash across France, air and ground forces worked as an offensive team unmatched until the actions around Mazar-e Sharif, he said.

During World War II, the 9th Tactical Air Force spurred innovation by placing FM radios in aircraft and air controllers in planes and on the front lines. This was not a top-down driven action. Rather, it was soldiers and airmen who fielded the capability. And it worked brilliantly. The force guarded Gen. George S. Patton's left flank as he swept across France. The air and ground worked together as an offensive arm.

"They leveraged the complementary capabilities of two different arms of military forces," Leaf said. "They realized they could complement each other and then maintained through forward air controllers and proper equipment the degree of synchroniza-

tion needed."

Leaf said the services have conducted many great close air support operations over the past 60 years, but since World War II they had become more a tool of the defense than the offense. He said the U.S. military was clearly on the offense during the Gulf War, but still seemed to think of the air-ground combined arms team as a defense rather than a way for forces to take the initiative and win.

U.S. forces in Afghanistan returned to the World War II model, he said.

"I'm pretty excited about it," Leaf said. "One key has been the liaison between forces. We've had Air Force people on the ground. You've seen them. They look an awful lot like soldiers except they have Air Force rank."

The air operations center also enjoys a joint service approach.

"If you walk into that facility, you see a great representation of all the services and our partner nations," Leaf said.

The commander at Aviano Air Base, Italy, during Operation Allied Force, Leaf said the Army representation at the air operations center proved important even though U.S. ground forces had no part in the Kosovo campaign. "They helped

give that grand combat picture of the enemy on the ground," he said.

Service members "side by side wearing different uniforms" and offering their expertise give commanders an awareness they would not have otherwise. Establishing an air operations center also centralized planning and helped the services work together closely.

Communications improvements have allowed an unprecedented exchange of information. Interoperable radios and computers have sped up reaction time. He said one example occurred in Afghanistan when a Northern Alliance commander turned to an Air Force air control specialist and said he wanted to attack Taliban forces on the next ridge.

"He thought we'd go through a long approval process ... he thought it would be a day or two before the strike came in," Leaf said. Nineteen minutes after the airman's call, Taliban positions were bombarded with precision accuracy.

This flexibility and interoperability contrasts with even Desert Storm. Then, air tasking orders had to be physically delivered to land bases and carriers at sea.

Leaf said data links join air,

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### **'Translating,' from page 12**

ground and sea forces now and will be the most fertile area to explore as the services move forward. These advances, coupled with the Global Positioning System, laser range finders and others allow planners to integrate their efforts. He said the changes make bombers as flexible as fighters.

Other Defense Department personnel agree. They cite the way pilots and weapons officers can input aim points into precision-guided munitions as they fly to targets. Each bomb carried by a B-1B, B-2 or B-52 bomber can be programmed to knock out a specific target. Changes on the battlefield can mean immediate changes to the aim points.

Unmanned aerial vehicles bring another tool to the battlefield. Predator, Global Hawk and other unmanned aircraft provide real-time surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities. The fiscal 2003 defense budget request includes an additional \$1 billion to speed up development in this field and would also increase funding for research into an unmanned combat aerial vehicle. Leaf called this "seize the initiative stuff" for the potential capabilities they offer to the U.S. military.

Precision-guided munitions are adding to the transformation equation. "The Joint Direct Attack Munitions have gotten a lot of visibility and performed magnificently," Leaf said. "Our ability to bring JDAM to the war en masse on B-52s and B-1s and on Navy strike platforms is huge."

Leaf said one piece of strike footage that sticks in his mind showed JDAM explosions "walking" the crest of a ridgeline. "You have to understand the devastating effect that would have on an enemy who thought, 'I'm on the high ground, I'm dug in, I'm OK,'" he said. "No, he's not. He is just as vulnerable as if he were in the open."

Today, no other military in the world can do what the United States now routinely does. Joint Staff officials said the success of joint missions requires the skill of the pilots and ground observers, but also information from the National Imaging and Mapping Agency, intelligence, weather reports and myriad other bits of information from a number of different agencies and sources.

It is not something anyone can do alone, Leaf said. The U.S. military must work to improve their capabilities and integrate technologies to maintain its world lead.

## **Knowing when to see attorney is important**

**By Terra Wade**

*Laughlin Legal Office clerk*

**T**here are many reasons a person may need to meet with an attorney. Most people would agree that an attorney's help is needed after an individual encounters major life changes or events like divorce, adoption, guardianship or death of a loved one.

The Laughlin Legal Office can help active-duty military people and their dependents, as well as military retirees and their dependents. Legal assistance is available during the walk-in hours from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and from 8 to 9 a.m. Thursdays. Only attorneys can provide legal assistance. Attorneys cannot provide legal assistance over the telephone.

An attorney can help a person plan ahead by preparing estate planning documents such as a will, living will and powers of attorney. This is especially important if someone is expected to deploy in the near future. An attorney can also help you determine whether you need to make changes to an existing will. For a new will, will worksheets may be picked up at any time during regular office business hours.

Legal residency is a good example of a frequent issue discussed during legal assistance. Many individuals from other states make the decision to become Texas legal residents because Texas has no state income tax. The legal office can provide information on certain actions one can take to become a Texas resident.

Another area in which an attorney may be helpful is consumer affairs. If you feel you have been the victim of fraudulent business practices, or if you believe your rights have been violated in some way, visit the legal office.

Other legal assistance services provided by the legal office include family member care, landlord-tenant issues, involuntary allotments, residency, child support, and, although the legal office cannot represent individuals in divorce cases or prepare divorce papers, Laughlin attorneys can give guidance on starting the process. All legal assistance is subject to the availability of legal staff resources.

Notary public and power of attorney services are provided on a walk-in basis from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Base attorneys are prohibited from giving legal assistance on matters such as starting a home business, official matters in which the Air Force has an interest, legal issues raised on behalf of another person, drafting or reviewing real estate sales or closing documents, reviewing divorce decrees, claims filed against the Air Force, or criminal issues under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or any state or federal criminal issues, disciplinary or administrative board actions.

For criminal issues, members are directed to contact the nearest Area Defense Counsel Office. Laughlin's nearest ADC office is located at Goodfellow Air Force Base at (915) 654-5070 or DSN 477-5070.

For more information on base legal matters, call the legal office at 298-5172.

## Chapel Schedule



### Catholic

*Saturday* 5 p.m., Mass

*Sunday* ● 9:30 a.m., Mass  
● 11 a.m., Little Rock Scripture  
Study in Chapel Fellowship Hall

*Thursday* 6 p.m., Choir

*Tuesday-* ● 12:05 p.m., Mass

*Friday* ● 12:05 p.m. and 7 p.m., Holy Days  
of Obligation

*Reconciliation* Before Sunday Mass, Wednesday  
from 7 to 9 p.m. and by appointment

*Religious Education/*

*Bible Study* 11 a.m. and noon Sunday

**Jewish** Call Max Stool at 775-4519

**Muslim** Call Dr. Mostafa Salama at 768-9200

### Nondenominational

*Friday* 7 p.m., Unity in Community Services

### Protestant

*Sunday* 11 a.m., General worship

*Wednesday* ● 12:30-2:15 p.m., Women's  
Bible study at chapel  
● 7 p.m., Choir at chapel

**For more information on chapel  
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## The *XL*er

**Hometown:** Latrobe, Pa.

**Family:** Wife, Kristen;  
son, Tyler; daughter,  
Kaylee

**Time at Laughlin:**  
11 months

**Time in service:** 1 year,  
11 months

**Name one way to im-  
prove life at Laughlin:**

More entertainment variety

**Greatest accomplishment:**  
My two children

**Hobbies:** Sports of all  
kinds and playing with my  
kids

**Bad habit:** Playing video  
games

**Favorite film:** All movies  
in the Highlander series

**Favorite band:**  
Dream Theater

**If you could spend one  
hour with any person,  
who would it be and  
why?** My grandmother on  
my father's side. She died  
of cancer when I was  
eight. She was the only  
grandparent I knew.



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

**Senior Airman Keith Pruitt**

47th Communications Squadron  
meteorological and navigation systems apprentice



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## Finally

After 57 years of struggle, Fred W. Marshall received his Purple Heart at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., for wounds he received in combat during World War II. While advancing on enemy forces in Chambord, France, on Sept. 6, 1944, Marshall suffered shrapnel wounds to his upper body and head from an explosion. He regained consciousness three weeks later in a hospital in Paris and spent the next 13 months recovering in hospitals in France, England and Greensboro, N.C. Marshall, now 79, spent the past 57 years trying to prove his injuries were service-related after the misplacement of his medical records.





Photo by Senior Airman Bradley Pettit

## On your mark

Laughlin runners get set for the start of the 10K Cross Country Fun Run Saturday at the nature trail near the west gate. Nine runners ran in the race, with Ricardo Guarjardo taking first place in the men's division and

Lisa Firestone taking first place for the women. Rafael Renteria and Juan Ghigliotta came in second and third for the men, while Vikki Draper and Monica Mahoney finish second and third in the women's division.

# Sportslines

## Bowling tournament scheduled

A King of the Hill bowling tournament is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Cactus Bowling Lanes. Males and females will compete to see who is the top bowler in each category. Prizes will be awarded.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Youth/Adult Bowling Association.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Antonio Gomez, at 298-5267.

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Holidays:**  
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## Bowling standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
Boeing	98-54	Services	78-74
OSS	91-61	CE	70-82
47th FTW	84-68	SFS	55-97
DeCA	78-74	Commtracting	54-98



## Basketball standings



<u>Eastern Conference</u>		<u>Western Conference</u>	
<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>
84/85th Tweets	4-0	CES	4-0
87th Talons	3-1	86th Rios Lobos	3-1
47th SFS	3-1	LCSAM	2-2
LSI	1-3	Med Group	2-2
47th OSS(1)	1-3	Support Group	1-3
Comptroller	0-4	47th OSS(2)	0-4